

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Video 2

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 2000240.001

Medium: Video File

Maker: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: English

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 15 September 2020

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 15 September 2020

	Components	Running time
Timed component(s):	Video 2	2:09
Total running time:		2:09

Summary of reasons for decision:

The video file is deemed objectionable under s 3(2)(f) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act) because it tends to promote and support the infliction of extreme violence and cruelty. The video depicts a montage of acts of extreme violence and murder, as well as other horrific bodily injuries in the aftermath of accidents. The video appears intended to be shared for shock-value entertainment. The video normalises extreme real-world violence as acceptable and entertaining. Some of the clips feature first-person participant footage, which could have no reason other than to glorify the perpetrator's actions. This classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression as provided by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, however it is consistent with

Parliament's intention that publications falling under s 3(2) of the FVPC Act are deemed objectionable.